

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0001]** This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/244,244 filed on September 16, 2002 which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/767,654 filed on January 22, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,464,584 issued October 15, 2002, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/167,847 filed October 7, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,186,895 issued February 13, 2001, which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Ser. Serial No. 60/061,297 filed on October 7, 1997 entitled INTELLIGENT CASINO CHIP SYSTEM.